

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We acknowledge that we are in Treaty 1 territory, and that the land is the traditional lands of the Anishinabe and Dakota Nations, and the homeland of the Métis Nation

## ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

### THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 18 April 2021

**Welcome!** We extend a warm welcome to our guests, and invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary. Unfortunately, however, we are not yet able to resume our after-service fellowship time.

For the time being, John continues to record an abbreviated version of the service each week and to upload it to YouTube, for those who don't yet feel comfortable attending services in person. He sends out the YouTube link by e-mail each Sunday, along with the service script. Hard copies of the script can be printed and mailed out to anyone who would like them. If you would like to receive them, just call John at the church office.

**Scripture Readings** - The readings for today's service are

- Acts 3.12-19 - Peter heals a lame man
- Psalm 4 - "Answer me when I call to you"
- 1 John 3.1-7 - Children of God
- Luke 24.33-48 - The risen Jesus appears to his disciples

The readings for next Sunday will be

- Acts 4.5-12 - Peter and John before the Sanhedrin
- Psalm 23 - "The LORD is my shepherd"
- 1 John 3.16-24 - Laying down one's life
- John 10.11-18 - "I am the good Shepherd"

The reader today is **Terry Rempel**.

The Greeters this month are **Wally Kimpton and Debbi Miles**.

### **This Week in First Church:**

- Today, following the service - Annual Meeting
- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study, by Zoom
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting
- Saturday - Deadline for ordering a Spring Dinner

### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 2 May, 5:00 p.m. - Spring Dinner (take-out)

**Protocols** - Recent studies have shown that the COVID-19 virus can not survive on surfaces for more than three days, and also that the risk of contracting the virus by touching surfaces is extremely low. Therefore, **we are no longer sanitizing the sanctuary** after every service, and **you no longer need to use one of the purple cards** to mark the pew where you have sat. Many thanks to those who have sanitized the sanctuary in the past few weeks, and to Debbi Miles for organizing that task!

Otherwise, the protocols that we have been following remain in place:

- Use the South entrance to enter, and the Office entrance (at the front of the sanctuary) to leave
- Wear a mask when entering and leaving the church, and while singing. Masks may be removed when seated, if you're sitting either by yourself or with people you live with.
- Maintain physical distance from others (except your own household)
- Do not sit right at the aisle
- If possible, sit in the same spot each week
- Offering plate is at the back as you come in
- Remain seated throughout the service, including for hymns
- Each week, bring your own cushion and/or Bible if desired
- Prefer that washrooms not be used
- There will be no coffee/fellowship hour
- Refrain from shaking hands, etc.
- The names of attenders will be recorded each Sunday, so that we have a record of who attended on which Sunday, in case contact tracing should need to be done later.

**Annual Meeting** - Our Annual Meeting will be held today (finally!), immediately following the service. Because of the pandemic restrictions, we will not be able to have a lunch, however. The meeting will therefore be held in the sanctuary, and we will try to make it as brief as possible. A few hard copies of the **Annual Report** are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for those who need one, as are copies of the **Agenda** for the meeting (which has also been sent out by e-mail).

**Cleaning** - There is a sign-up sheet for **vacuuming the sanctuary** on the music stand at the back of the sanctuary. If you're able to take a turn looking after this task in the coming weeks, please sign up.

**Next Sunday** - John Zondag needs to be away next Sunday (the 25th), so that he can chair the Annual Meeting of Knox Church in Neepawa, where he serves as interim moderator. Our service that day will be led by Raymond Reichelt, and Charlie Clifford will lead the Prayers of the People. They will also record an abbreviated version of the service, which will be uploaded to YouTube, as usual.

**Available** - A few copies of the Spring issue of *Presbyterian Connection*, our national church's newspaper, are available at the back of the sanctuary. It includes four photos taken at our take-out Fall Supper last November!

**FOCUS**, the local group that grows a crop for the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** every year, is appealing for donations to help cover the costs of producing this year's crop. Last year, FOCUS's growing project raised \$200,000 for the CFB. To date, FOCUS has 460 acres of land lined up for this year's growing project, in the MacGregor, Portage la Prairie, Oakville, and Elie areas. The crops will be canola, cereals, sunflowers, and soybeans. A few copies of their information leaflet are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for those who are interested in supporting this project. Donations should be sent directly to FOCUS, at the address given on the leaflet. Official receipts will be sent out early in 2022.

**Moderator Nominee** - The official nominee for moderator of this year's General Assembly has been announced: He is the Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott, the minister of St. John's Church in Bradford, Ontario. This year's GA will be held online, due to the pandemic (6-9 June). Last year's GA was canceled entirely, on account of the pandemic. The other candidates for moderator this year were the Rev. Paulette Brown and the Rev. Mary Fontaine. Voting for the official nominee is done by the Presbyteries across the country; each minister and representative elder has a vote. Ballots are then sent to the General Assembly Office in Toronto, where they are counted on the 1st of April. You can see photos of all three candidates on page 9 of the current *issue of Presbyterian Connection*.

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Equipping Farmers to Thrive**

Andrew and Flora successfully grow rice, cassava, maize and groundnuts on their two acres of farmland in Malawi as a result of adopting conservation agriculture practices to help their farm flourish and better cope with droughts. Last year, Andrew and Flora attended Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported training to learn how to rotate crops and protect the soil. With these tools, Andrew and Flora now enjoy the rewards of conservation agriculture.

**Chance 2 Grow** - is an organization that gives Central region children from economically disadvantaged homes the opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities. Each year plants are sold. This year's is the Healing Waters petunia-bacopa. **Price:** \$5 each or 10 for \$45. **Delivery date:** May 20, 2021. Cheques are payable to CFSCM Foundation Inc. Please see **Debbi**.

**Computer to give away** - The Church has a computer to give away. It is approximately 10 years old with a Windows 7 operating system. The computer package consists of a CPU, Monitor, Keyboard and cables. Please contact Mardine at 204-239-0497 or the Church if you are interested.

**Spring Dinner** - (see poster, below)

# Roast Ham & Meatballs



## Take-out

Sunday, May 2, 2021

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**\*\*Must pre-order by Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>\*\***

Call 204-385-2847 to order – leave a  
message if no answer

## First Presbyterian Church

17 Royal Road South

Adults \$15.00    12 & under \$8.00

Deliveries can be arranged for those who  
cannot pick up.

**FINANCIAL REPORT, 2021**

	<u>Mar. 1-31/21</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>FINANCES:</b>		
INCOME RECEIVED:	9,604.85	27,687.61
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>6,895.60</u>	<u>22,283.94</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT):</b>	<b><u>2,709.25</u></b>	<b><u>5,403.67</u></b>

**Included in the above Y-T-D income is 10,000.00 from the Manitoba Bridge Grant and 5,643.56 from the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (CEWS)**

**PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for year is \$3,200.00:**

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	<u>155.00</u>	<u>465.00</u>
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**FUNDRAISING:**

INCOME:	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES:	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>SURPLUS:</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>

**A summary of the surplus from the following events (the amounts are included in the above year-to-date fundraising information):**

- Spring Dinner
- Fall Supper
- Catering
- Meal In A Bowl
- Presby. Pie Sale

**Thank you for your continued support to the success of these events.**